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1. India-China

a. The Chinese pullback from the battle line gives evidence of being a piece-meal and selective movement.

b. Some withdrawals seem to have taken place at the eastern end of the NEFA, but further west, Peiping has given notice--by naming the town as the site for a release of Indian prisoners--that it will still hold Bomdila at least through Wednesday. Bomdila is some 50 miles south of the McMahon line.

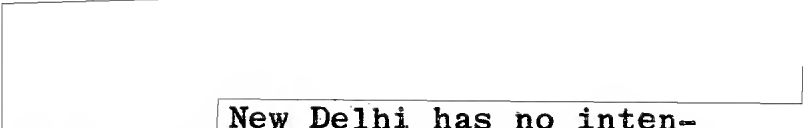
c. There is no word of Chinese moves in the Ladakh area.

d. Nehru, addressing the Indian parliament this morning, would allow only that there may have been some thinning out in the Chinese advance units but no definite withdrawals.

2. India-Pakistan

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New Delhi has no intention of giving away or partitioning Kashmir in negotiations with Pakistan.

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3. Cuba

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[REDACTED] First readout from yesterday's aerial photography indicates that all of the IL-28s are gone from San Julian airfield and that there are several fuselages and crates at Mariel port.

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b. Barracks construction was going ahead as late as 29 November at the camp site of one of the four Soviet armored groups. [REDACTED]

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c. A note of Cuban grievance against Moscow comes through in an interview which "Che" Guevara gave the London Daily Worker last week. He questioned whether removal of the Soviet missiles meant that "peace has

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been assured." But the missiles are gone "so we shall fight with what we've got." Cuba's best weapon, he suggested, is "the armed struggle already taking place in a number of Latin American countries." He cited Venezuela, Guatemala, Paraguay and Colombia in particular.

d. A Radio Moscow man at the UN is quoted as saying that Mikoyan, in a meeting with Soviet correspondents when he was there, told them "he had a tough time in Cuba," but that Moscow had achieved its main objective: maintaining a Communist regime in the Western Hemisphere.

4. Laos

a. Souvanna, describing conditions in the Plaine des Jarres as quiet but still tense, is holding to the view that the shoot-down of the US transport was the work of the Pathet Lao, even though they found neutralist renegades to do the job.

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c. Souvanna reveals that the Pathet Lao are already fudging on the military integration agreement signed last Tuesday, insisting that demoblization must come before integration.

d. Six of the nine Soviet transport aircraft promised the Laotian government flew into Vientiane on Sunday.

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e. Phoumi has left Moscow for Peiping and Hanoi.

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5. Dominican Republic

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6. Congo

a. Heavy fighting is reported around Kongolo in northern Katanga between Katangan and central government forces. It seems to be following a see-saw course, with the town changing hands at least three times within the last few days.

b. The government in Leopoldville has appointed a judicial commission to review the Gizenga case as a likely prelude to his release.

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7. Portugal-Angola

a. Algeria is furnishing Holden Roberto's Angolan rebel forces with a supply of arms and ammunition sufficient to outfit two battalions of 600 men each.

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b. Roberto has been at the UN in New York where he shows himself cool to the plan for an impartial survey of Angola and forecasts serious fighting after the first of the year.

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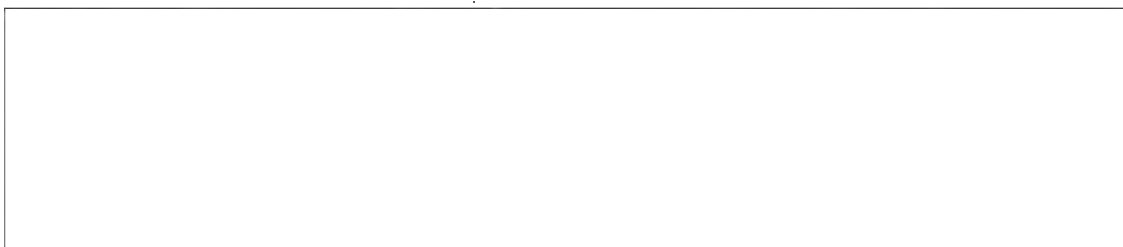
- A. Ghana: The whipping-boy effort directed against the US has brought a renewal of the insinuation that the US government, through the CIA, staged the attempt on Nkrumah's life late last summer. Ambassador Mahoney thinks Nkrumah and company are swinging wildly from weakness growing out of noticeable government disarray and loss of public support.
- B. Guatemala: A general strike of Guatemala's armed forces and government workers is threatening because of the government's arrears in payment of wages.
- C. Communist China - Syria: Damascus announced this morning that it has been promised "massive financial and economic" aid by Peiping. The statement emerged from a meeting of the Syrian premier with the Chinese ambassador. No details were given.
- D. Malaysia: A rift is opening between Malaya and the Philippines, both members of the embryonic Association of Southeast Asia, over Manila's claims to North Borneo. Indonesia, which has designs of its own on parts of the projected Malaysian federation, is lining up with the Philippines.
- E. Yugoslavia: Coinciding with Tito's departure for Moscow, a Yugoslav delegation has arrived in Rome to sit in on a congress of the Italian Communist party--the first time the Yugoslavs have been shown such hospitality in five years.
- F. Honduras: The government has flown troop reinforcements into Western Honduras in an attempt to bag the armed gang which shot up the area last Thursday. All indications are that it is a case of banditry with no political coloration.

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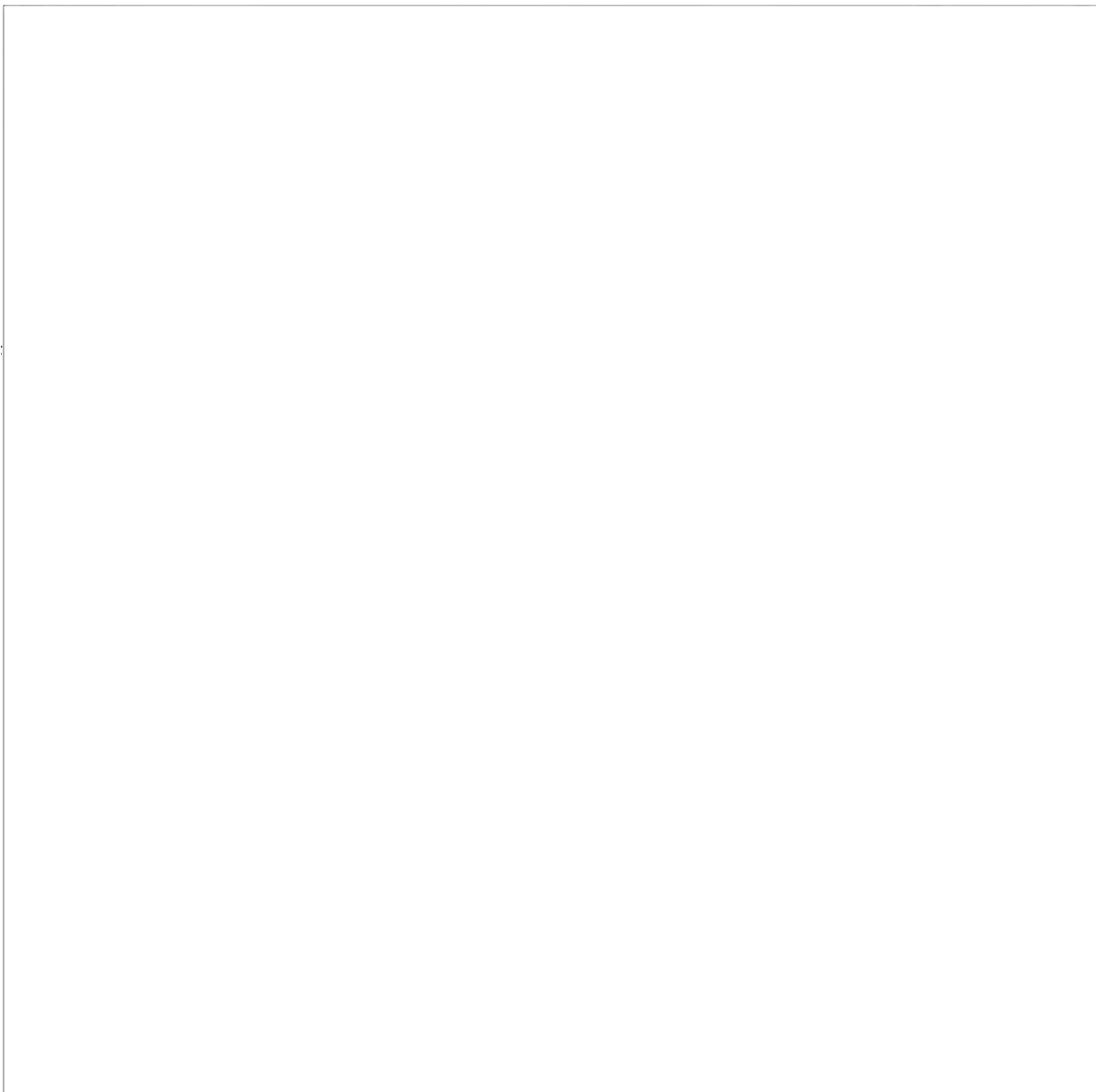


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